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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: Armin Herb  
SERIAL NO.: 09/981,502  
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FOR : ATTACHMENT DEVICE FOR ELONGATED  
OBJECTS  
EXAMINER: Flemming Saether GROUP: 3679

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**ELECTION**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action, dated July 11, 2003 and setting forth three (3)-month period for response. A request for a three-month extension of time is enclosed. The Examiner has requested that an election be made between species:

A, shown in Figs. 1-3;

B, shown in Figs 4-5; and

C, shown in Figs. 6-8.

Applicant elects species A, Figs. 1-3 for further prosecution on the merits.

Claims 1-4 and 7-8 read on the elected species.

Respectfully submitted,

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